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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 694  
By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Daniel Bolton on his numerous accomplishments both on and off the football field at the Tennessee School for the Deaf.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize and commend our great athletes, those who work hard, achieve great success and serve as excellent representatives of their respective communities and the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, Knoxville's Daniel Bolton is one such exemplary athlete whose stellar performance on the football field has earned him the honor of being selected as the *Deaf Silent News* First Team Deaf All-American Center, and for the 1999 Mason-Dixon All-Conference Team; and

WHEREAS, Daniel is a 17-year-old junior at the Tennessee School for the Deaf in Knoxville, Tennessee where he has been an outstanding student since 1986; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the academic, social and athletic opportunities afforded to Daniel at this remarkable school, he has been able to achieve his full potential; and

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WHEREAS, a well-mannered young man, Daniel Bolton excels in sports and has been a starter on the football team throughout his estimable varsity career; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accolades include being honored with the Sportsmanship Award in 1999; and

WHEREAS, spectators marvel at the ability of the young athletes at Tennessee School for the Deaf to excel and be competitive in the array of sporting events available to them as part of the TSSAA; and

WHEREAS, Daniel and his classmates have set aside their deafness and successfully compete with hearing peers on a level playing field where ability to succeed in the game is not controlled by one's ability to hear; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Bolton's praiseworthy accomplishments are a great source of pride for his mother, Carolyn Smith, and his sister, Joyce; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable young man is an outstanding role-model and an inspiration for the youth of Tennessee and this country; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Daniel Bolton for his dedication to athletic and academic excellence; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate and commend Daniel Bolton of Knoxville, upon being selected as the First Team Deaf All-American Center, and for the 1999 Mason-Dixon All-Conference Team, salute his outstanding performance and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.